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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH
SUBJ: RHODESIA: MUZOREWA'S RELUCTANT PARTICIPATION IN SALISBURY
SETTLEMENT

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UP TO A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE SIGNATURE
OF THE AGREEMENT IN SALISBURY MARCH 3, MUZOREWA WAS A VERY
DOUBTFUL PARTICIPANT. HE WAS SUBJECTED TO GREAT PRESSURE BY
SITHOLE AND CHIRAN TO AGREE. MANY IN HIS OWN PARTY ARE NOT
HAPPY WITH IT INCLUDING ARNE PALLEY.

2. A BUSINESSMAN (AMERICAN) CLAIMS CREDIT FOR FINALLY
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SWINGING MUZOREWA INTO LINE BY CLAIMING THAT HE WAS CARRYING
A LETTER FROM NKOMO TO SMITH WHICH PROPOSED A DEAL WHICH WOULD
CUT MUZOREWA OUT. IF THE BISHOP DID NOT AGREE TO THE PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT, THE BUSINESSMAN TOLD HIM, SMITH WOULD PROBABLY
CONCLUDE THE DEAL WITH NKOMO.

3. WE HAVE NO WAY OF JUDGING THE TRUTH OF THIS OTHER THAN

SAYING THAT WE ARE CONVINCED THE BUSINESSMAN IN FACT TOLD
THE STORY. WHETHER IT WAS PUFFERY OR NOT WE CANNOT SAY. THE
IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT MUZOREWA
WAS INDEED SUBJECTED TO GREAT PRESSURE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT
AND DID SO ONLY RELUCTANTLY. KNOWING MUZOREWA, WE BELIEVE
HE IS QUITE CAPABLE OF BACKING AWAY FROM THE SETTLEMENT IF
HE THINKS IT WOULD BE POLITIC TO DO SO.

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